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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN IDEAS FOR FOUR-POWER GUARANTEES

1. SOME LONDON PAPERS MARCH 4 CARRIED STORY THAT EGYPT HAS APPROACHED UK AND FRANCE TO ACT AS ADDITIONAL GUARANTORS FOR AN ARAB-ISRAELI SETTLEMENT. FOREIGN OFFICE WAS QUOTED BY ONE PAPER AS DENYING THERE HAS BEEN ANY SUCH APPROACH.

2. FCO CONFIDES THAT PRESIDENT SADAT MADE SOME SUCH PROPOSAL TO FORMER FONSEC DOUGLAS-HOME IN CAIRO FEBRUARY 23 WHEN BRITISH AMBASSADOR WAS PRESENT. SADAT REMARKED THAT IN ANY FINAL SETTLEMENT EGYPT REQUIRED OUTSIDE GUARANTEES EVEN MORE THAN ISRAEL. IN ADDITION TO US AND SOVIET UNION, HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR BRITAIN AND FRANCE TO ACT AS JOINT GUARANTORS.

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3. BRITISH DO NOT CONSIDER THESE SADAT STATEMENTS AS AN

OFFICIAL APPROACH, AND THEY HAVE NOT HAD SUCH APPROACH
FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE.

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